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[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE TWO ATTACKS AGAINST MORMON CHURCHES IN SANTIAGO [REDACTED] ARE THE 4 JULY ASSAULT CLAIMED BY THE MJL IN PAMPHLETS LEFT AT THE SCENE AND THE 15 JULY INCENDIARY ATTACK CLAIMED BY THE FRPL, ALSO IN PAMPHLETS LEFT BEHIND. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN ATTACKS AGAINST MORMON CHURCHES IN OSORNO, 19 JULY, AND QUILPUE, 20 JULY. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTING, THE FPMR IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 19 JULY OSORNO CHURCH BOMBING AS WELL AS THE BOMBING OF "EL MERCURIO" OFFICES IN OSORNO ON THE SAME DAY. THE FPMR SPOKESMAN SAID THE BOMBINGS WERE TO CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION. A MORMON SPOKESMAN HAS BLAMED THE ATTACKS ON THE MIR BECAUSE OF PAMPHLETS LEFT IN QUILPUE. THEREFORE, FOUR SEPARATE TERRORIST GROUPS ARE EACH CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE MORMON CHURCHES. THIS COULD BE COINCIDENCE OR INDICATE COORDINATED ACTIVITY BETWEEN TERRORIST GROUPS.

[REDACTED]

THE MORMON SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, IN GENERAL, CHURCH MEMBERS BELIEVE THE CHURCH IS BEING TARGETED BECAUSE OF ALLEGED TIES TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE, A CHARGE WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WAS ABSURD.)

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] NO INFORMATION ON THE MEMBERS OR COMPOSITION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE IN ARMS (MORPA), WHICH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 10 JULY KILLING OF CARABINEROS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE) SECOND CORPORAL PATRICIO ((CANIHUANTE)) ASTUDILLO IN VINA DEL MAR CURRENT THEORIES ATTRIBUTE THE KILLING TO THE MAPU/L OR POSSIBLY COMMON CRIMINALS.

5. [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: [REDACTED] THE LAUTARO TERRORIST
GROUPS AND OTHER RECENT EVENTS RELATED TO TERRORISM,
[REDACTED]

DOI: [REDACTED] JULY 1989

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] THE LAUTARO TERRORIST GROUPS
ARE ATTACKING MORMON CHURCHES BECAUSE THEY ARE EASY TARGETS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR PRESENCE IN THE SLUMS IS
OBVIOUS. [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. IN [REDACTED] JULY 1989, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AN ANALYSIS OF TWO RECENT ACTIONS BY THE
UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT/LAUTARO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
(MAPU/L) DIRECTED AGAINST THE MORMON CHURCH INDICATED THAT THE MAPU/L
WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE TARGET LINKED TO THE
UNITED STATES (U.S.) TO ENHANCE THE ORGANIZATION'S IMAGE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE MORMON CHURCH IS A TARGET
BECAUSE ITS INSTALLATIONS STAND OUT IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE
ACTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MORMON MISSIONARIES, WHO HAVE AN ALIEN
APPEARANCE AND ATTEMPT TO CONVERT PEOPLE TO A FOREIGN RELIGION, MAKE
THE CHURCH AN INTRUSIVE PRESENCE IN SANTIAGO'S SLUM AREAS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SINCE THE MAPU/L'S SMALL SIZE AND LACK OF HEAVY
WEAPONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ATTACK OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
INSTALLATIONS, THE MORMON CHURCH IS SEEN AS AN EASY TARGET. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

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